

## **An Overview of Hancock County's 2011 Annual Trending March 30, 2011**

The following steps were taken to conduct the 2011 annual trending in Hancock County:

### **Step 1: Re-Delineation of Neighborhoods**

The vast majority of neighborhoods in Hancock County were completely re-examined and, where necessary, re-delineated for annual trending in 2006. Additional re-delineation of some neighborhoods has occurred each year thereafter as further analysis indicated such action was appropriate. This includes the creation of new neighborhoods, splitting neighborhoods apart, and the combination of neighborhoods as well. This portion of trending included all property classes. Some new neighborhoods were established for new construction and/or to establish more accurate assessments.

### **Step 2: Calculation of New Land Values**

New land values were calculated county-wide for 2008. For residential property in 2011, only a small number of neighborhoods required a new land rate. The neighborhoods affected are: 91103, 91102, 92101, 93101, 96101, 98204, 98219, 942151, 12301, 18405, and 13409. For commercial and industrial properties, land values generally stayed consistent between January 1, 2006 and March 1, 2011. For commercial and industrial properties, no adjustments were made as sales data did not indicate the necessity of any update.

### **Step 3: Calculation of New Residential Factors & Residential Studies**

Per 50 IAC 14, a preliminary ratio study was conducted for vacant and improved residential at the township level. This study dictated which property classes required further analysis, stratification, reassessment or calculation of a new neighborhood factor. In some instances, especially in rural areas of Hancock County, the preliminary ratio study indicated that assessments were both accurate and uniform. In other neighborhoods, further review was required. This resulted in the calculation of new neighborhood factors for a small number of neighborhoods which are: 91103, 91102, 92101, 93101, 96101, 98204, 98219, 942151, 12301, 18405, and 13409, 95211, and 94215. Additionally, reassessment data entry has been completed on approximately 42% of the parcels in Hancock County. As a result of those changes, there are parcels throughout the county that have experienced a value change that is unrelated to 2011 trending efforts.

### **Step 4: Updated Commercial & Industrial Improvement Values**

Values generally remained consistent for 2011. The cost tables were not updated and the depreciation year remained the same from last year as well. Additionally, reassessment and other field work have potentially changed the value of individual parcels.

**\*\*Please note that the period of time from which sales were used for this ratio study was from 1/1/2010 to 2/28/2011. Every attempt was made to ensure a representative sample for each property class. Sales prior to 2010 were used in order to expand and develop an adequate sample size for vacant residential, all commercial, and all industrial properties. However, given the very low sales activity for industrial property in Hancock County, even going back to 2002, no additional sales data was yielded. As a result, no statistical measures were calculated for vacant or improved industrial property classes. Additionally, the ratio study file contains a list of all valid sales that upon further review were found to actually be**

**invalid. These sales are located at the bottom of each worksheet tab for each property class type. Sales outside of the 14 month time period were time adjusted using Sperling's Best Places appreciation adjustments for Hancock County. This data can be accessed at: <http://www.bestplaces.net/find/state.aspx?state=IN>. The sources for these values are listed on the website, but include:** Sources of data and other content Original research and analysis by Sperling's BestPlaces / Fast Forward, Inc. U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey Current Population Survey Educational Testing Service and ACT, Inc. National Center for Education Statistics Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports National Climatic Data Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Hurricane Center U.S. Geologic Service Bureau of Labor Statistics - Consumer Price Index, Consumer Expenditure Survey Medicare and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Department of Energy Federal Travel Directory Freddie Mac -Conventional Home Price Mortgage Index Office of Housing Economic Oversight National Association of Realtors National Association of Home Builders State Association of Realtors Environmental Protection Agency American Medical Association Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - Compressed Mortality Database - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - CDC Wonder Natality database Federal Aviation Administration Federal Transit Administration Federal Highway Administration Amtrak National Park Service National Basketball Association, National Football League, National Hockey League, Major League Baseball .

